

LONG BEACH POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **WHAT IS THE SALARY?**

Starting salary is \$47,073.96 with increases to \$125,457.27 after 7 years. 12% of base hourly rate shift differential, 4 ten hour work days on; then 4 days off, 13 paid holidays, 20 days of Vacation a year until 5th year when it increases to 24 days per year, 26 days of sick for each year of service (maximum accumulation 400 days), 5 Personnel days per year.

- **WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE EXAM BE HELD?**

The exam will be held on November 14th, but you only have until October 13, 2015 to file your application. The Civil Service Commission will advise you of the site where you will be taking the exam.

- **IS THERE A FEE FOR THE EXAM?**

Yes, there is a \$100.00 application fee. The application processing fee may be waived upon completion of a fee waiver request and certification form which can be found online at

<http://www.longbeachny.gov/jobs>

- **IS THERE ANY WAY THAT I CAN STUDY FOR THE EXAM?**

A Guide for the Written Test for Police Entrance is available at the New York State website:

www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

- **WHEN WILL I BE ADVISED OF MY GRADE?**

You should be notified approximately 4 - 6 months after the date of the exam. You may contact Civil Service (705-7214) for further information.

- **HOW WILL BEING WHITE, BLACK, FEMALE, ETC. AFFECT MY POSITION?**

Discrimination on the basis of any protected characteristic is strictly prohibited. Race, gender and national origin have no effect on your relative position on the eligibility list.

- **IF I AM PRESENTLY A POLICE OFFICER DOES THE TIME SERVED IN MY DEPARTMENT COUNT TOWARDS RETIREMENT?**

Candidates who are presently employed by a police department that is in the same pension system will be eligible to carry over their time in the system. NYPD Officers may transfer to the pension system but must submit forms prior to their resignation. We suggest that you contact your PBA representative.

- **WHEN AND HOW MANY CANDIDATES WILL BE HIRED FROM THE ELIGIBILITY LIST?**

The number of appointments and the appointment dates will depend on budget allocations. The allocations have not yet been determined, and will change from year to year.

- **HOW LONG WILL THE ELIGIBILITY LIST LAST?**

The duration of the eligible list shall be not less than one (1) nor more than four (4) years.

- **IF MY GRADE IS HIGH ENOUGH TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

You will be notified by mail of each subsequent step for which you are eligible.

- **HOW ARE PROMOTIONS RECEIVED?**

Force members must compete on promotional exams for the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant. Promotion above the rank of Lieutenant is made by the Commissioner of Police.

- **WHAT ARE THE AGE REQUIREMENTS?**

You must not yet be 35 on the date of the written exam. Candidates will not be considered for appointment until they reach their 20th birthday. Time spent in active military service or on terminal leave, not exceeding a total of 6 years, shall be deducted from the actual age of the applicant. (Veterans: If you have reached your 35th birthday by the date of the exam, you must submit your DD-214, Military Separation Papers, with your application.)

- **WHAT ARE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION?**

Candidates must be legal residents of Nassau County or one of the contiguous counties of Suffolk, Queens, Kings, Bronx, Richmond, New York or Westchester for at least one (1) month immediately preceding the date of the written examination.

- **WHAT IS THE DOMICILE REQUIREMENT?**

Any person employed or appointed to any job or as an officer within the city of Long Beach shall be a domiciliary within a fifty (50) mile radius of the City of Long Beach and within the State of New York on the date such employment or appointment commences or shall become a domiciliary within ninety (90) days thereafter and shall remain a domiciliary within a fifty (50) mile radius of the City of Long Beach and within the State of New York continuously for the duration of employment or appointment.

Domicile is defined as the dwelling in which a person has a true, fixed, permanent and principal home in which such person lives with the intention of making it a permanent home.

- **WHAT IS THE RULE ON PREFERENCE FOR LONG BEACH RESIDENTS?**

Preference in certification for appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been residents of the City of Long Beach. When preference in certification is given to residents of a municipality pursuant to subdivision 4-a of Section 23 of the Civil Service Law, an eligible must have been a resident of such municipality for at least one (1) month prior to the date of certification in order to be included in a certification as a resident of such municipality and must be a resident of such municipality at the time of appointment.

YOUR LEGAL ADDRESS, AS INDICATED ON YOUR APPLICATION, WILL BE THE DECIDING FACTOR IN DETERMINING YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR RESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE. THEREFORE, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING THE CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGES.

- **WHAT ARE THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS?**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must meet the following requirements **prior to the date of examination:**

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and either:

- a) Successful completion of thirty (30) credits from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university; or
- b) Completion of two (2) years of active military service with an honorable discharge; or
- c) Possession of an equivalent combination of (a) and (b).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

At the time of appointment, candidates must possess sixty (60) credits from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university.

- **WHAT MEDICAL CONDITIONS WILL DISQUALIFY ME?**

Refer to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the New York State Human Rights Law (HRL) for direction. Again, each case is reviewed individually.